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SUBJECT: Dropping Retired Military Personnel from the Rolls of the Armed Forces

References: (a) DoD Directive 1332.16, subject as above, March 26, 1960 (hereby canceled)
(b) Sections 1161(b), and 6408(b) of title 10, U.S.C.
(c) Subchapter II, Chapter 83 of title 5, U.S.C.
(d) [DoD Instruction 1320.4](#), *Military* Officer Actions Requiring Presidential, Congressional, or Secretary of Defense Approval," *May 29, 1968*

1. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

1.1. This Directive reissues reference (a), which is hereby canceled.

1.2. It establishes the policy and procedures governing the dropping from the rolls of the Armed Forces under reference (b) of those members who are entitled to retired pay and whose retired pay is forfeited under the provisions of reference (c).

2. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

The provisions of this Directive apply to the Military Departments and cover military members who are entitled to receive military retired pay.

3. POLICY AND PROCEDURES

3.1. It is the policy of the Department of Defense that members of the Military Services who are entitled to retired pay be dropped from the rolls of the Military Department only when they are deprived of their retired pay under the authority of Subchapter II, Chapter 83, title 5, United States Code. This is in furtherance of the DoD view that retired pay is earned and should be withheld only under extremely limited circumstances. In carrying out this policy members shall be treated uniformly under substantially similar circumstances, regardless of their component.

3.2. Recommendations for dropping members from the rolls of the Armed Forces in accordance with this Directive shall be forwarded to the Secretary of Defense for transmission to the President in accordance with DoD Instruction 1320.4 (reference (d)).

4. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This Directive is effective immediately. Two (2) copies of each implementing document shall be forwarded to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) within ninety (90) days.

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Deputy Secretary of Defense